

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 0247

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR MOPS MPOL IR MU YS  
SUBJ: IRANIAN CONTINGENT IN OMAN REPORTEDLY TO BE  
THINNED DOWN

1. BRITISH HEAD OF CHANCERY ALSTON CONFIDED TO ADCM  
JANUARY 10. THAT, AS A RESULT SATISFACTORY PDRY COOPERATION  
ON RECOVERY OF PILOT AND WRECKAGE (SEE SEPTTEL), IRANIANS  
HAVE DECIDED TO THIN DOWN THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN  
DHOFAR. THEY HAVE OBTAINED OMANI GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE  
TO DO SO. BRIGADE FRAMEWORK WILL REMAIN IN PLACE, BUT  
NUMBERS OF TROOPS WILL PROBABLY DROP BY FACTOR OF A THIRD  
OR MORE TO SOMETHING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 2,000. HELI-  
COPTERS AND AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN THE SAME, HOWEVER.

2. SPECULATING ON REASONS WHY GOI EXAGGERATED CLAIM THAT  
IRAN PILOTS WERE TORTURED, ALSTON SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES  
HAD WONDERED ABOUT THIS A GOOD DEAL. THEY WERE INCLINED  
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SIMPLY TO PUT IT DOWN TO A FACE-SAVING OPERATION, RATHER  
THAN POSSIBLE PRECURSOR TO ANY NEW IRANIAN EFFORT EXTRACT  
VENGEANCE FOR DOWNING OF THE PLANE.  
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